



**H.Con.Res. 147 - Recognizing 200 years of research, service to the people of the United States, and stewardship of the marine environment by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and its predecessor agencies**

**FLOOR SITUATION**

H.Con.Res. 147 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Rep. Henry Brown (R-SC) on May 10, 2007. The bill was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, where the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Oceans held hearings.

H.Con.Res. 147 is expected to be considered on the floor on December 4, 2007.

**SUMMARY**

H.Con.Res. 147 resolves that Congress:

- Recognizes that for over 200 years, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and its predecessor agencies have been providing to the Nation research to improve human understanding of the oceans and atmosphere, service, and stewardship of the marine environment, through products and services that protect lives and property, strengthen the economy, and support and sustain our coastal and marine resources;
- Recognizes the vision of President Thomas Jefferson in supporting the advancement of science, and the survey of the coast in particular, to the welfare and commercial success of the Nation;
- Recognizes the contributions made over the last 200 years by the past and current employees and officers of the Coast Survey, the National Geodetic Survey, and the Center for Operational Oceanographic Products and Services of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and
- Encourages the people of the United States to salute and share in the planned celebrations of these historic programs during 2007 with ceremonies designed to give appropriate recognition to one of our oldest and most respected Federal agencies on the occasion of its bicentennial anniversary.

**BACKGROUND**

This year marks the 200<sup>th</sup> year of research and service by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and predecessor agencies. President Thomas Jefferson established the Coast Survey in 1807.

NOAA was established within the Department of Commerce in 1970. It is the umbrella agency for the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, Weather Bureau, Coast and Geodetic Survey, National Satellite Center, and a number of other government entities.

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